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## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, and to the further Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, the blind system species of Fig. 3, the take-up system species of Fig. 9, the brake system species of Fig. 16, the counterbalance system of Fig. 26 and bottom rail weight species of Fig. 30, namely claim 19, for continued examination. Applicants hereby request a onemonth extension of time to respond to the Office Action. This Response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the requisite petition fee. Applicants further submit that such claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit same. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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